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From Norton Mills, Wallis Pond, and Averill, 10.10 p.m.

From Lake, 4.00 p.m.

From Beecher Falls, Canaan, and all points on upper Maine Central Railroad, north of North Stratford, 7.55 p.m.

From all local points Berlin to Island Pond, 7.55 p.m.

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MAILS CLOSE.

For Newport, Derby, Derby Line, and North; West Derby and Beebe Plain, 1.00 a.m.

For Newport, West Derby, Derby, East Charleston and West Charleston, 5.45 a.m.

For Lake, Norton Mills, Averill and Wallis Pond, 6.15 a.m.

For Morgan, and Morgan Center, 7.15 a.m.

For Beecher Falls, Canaan, and all points on upper Maine Central Railroad, 1.00 a.m. and 5.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

For Lancaster, Littleton, White field, and points on Boston & Maine Railroad, south of Groveton, 1.00 a.m. and 5.00 a.m.

For local points, Island Pond to Portland, 1.30 a.m. and 5.00 a.m.

For local points, Groveton to Portland, 1.00 p.m.

For Berlin, Gorham, and all points south and east, 1.00 a.m., 5.00 a.m., and 1.00 p.m.

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From all points south and east, 1.20 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Mails close for all points south and east, 1.00 a.m.

Mails for Norton Mills 1.00 a.m.

D. P. MACKENZIE, P. M.

Liberation Notice.

All persons are hereby notified that I have this day given my minor son, James Thomas Barnes of Brighton in the County of Essex, his time to act, trade and transact business for himself as though he were of age. I shall not claim any of his wages nor pay any bills of his contracting after the date hereof.

Dated at Brighton in the County of Essex in the State of Vermont this 10th day of August, 1916.

LESLIE C. BARNES.

ON THE MEXICAN BORDER

Former Island Pond Boy With the Vermont National Guard Writes of Army Life Patrolling the International Boundary

Indio Camp, Eagle Pass, Texas.

Editor Herald:

Dear Sir:—As a former Island Pond boy I have been trying to find time to write to a great many of my friends living in Island Pond, but not thru intentional neglect I have been obliged to omit a large number from my correspondence. Since I entered the University of Vermont two years ago, I have been a member of Co. C, 1st Vt. Infantry, and with the rest of the National Guard was called into Federal service by the President on June 18. In view of the interesting events following that date I have decided that the best way to reach the people back home is thru the columns of the HERALD. For the purpose of enlightening the people of Island Pond as to the real work of a "tin soldier," I will give a brief account of our experiences since "joining the army."

After a stay of a week at the mobilization camp at Fort Ethan Allen, we were ordered to entrain for service on the border. Considering our lack of training and general greenness, the work of breaking camp and entraining went forward very rapidly so that June 21st saw the entire regiment in day coaches, bound for Eagle Pass, Texas.

On our way down we received a hearty welcome from the people in every town thru which we passed. At Binghamton, N. Y., Salamanca, N. Y., Oelwein, Ia., and Denison, Tex., we were given particularly enthusiastic receptions, with bands, lemonade, fruit, etc. So far as we can learn we were the only National Guard regiment so far to be transported to the border in day coaches, with no provision made for sleeping. We were crowded three men to two seats, and our food consisted of one cup of coffee and one corned beef sandwich three times a day. All other National Guard regiments which have arrived in Eagle Pass have come in Pullmans.

Eagle Pass is a city of about six thousand population, located on the Rio Grande. It is a port of entry, and railroad centre for a large agricultural section to the north. About ten thousand soldiers are stationed here now with more troops arriving daily. Near the camp of the 1st Vermont is the camp of one Kansas and two Maryland regiments, besides the camps of several regiments of U. S. infantry, cavalry, and artillery. Immediately after our arrival we were issued two hundred and ten rounds of ammunition and told to sleep with our clothes, rifles, and equipment within easy reach. We slept for three weeks on the ground, but now cots have arrived so we are more comfortable.

The country is a semi-desert, the only vegetation being cactus, chaparral, sage-brush, and mesquite. None of these shrubs grow to more than a few feet high. There is no grass or trees in this vicinity. All agricultural operations are carried on on irrigated land. Oil wells and coal mines are in operation to the north and west of Eagle Pass, while several large ranches are located nearby. During eleven months of the year rain is almost unknown, the rainy month being July. The sandstorms which occur every day or two are the most disagreeable part of our life here. Every time atmospheric conditions are just right we get a strong wind up the river from the Gulf of Mexico which kicks up a great deal of sand and fills our tents and bedding full. Eagle Pass has stores and theatres which are as good as one would expect to find in a New England town of its size. About three-fourths of the people are negroes and Mexicans. It boasts one newspaper, the "Eagle Pass Herald" which is issued bi-weekly. The river on each side of Eagle Pass is patrolled by U. S. soldiers and the international bridge, which connects the town with Piedras Negras, the

Mexican city just across the Rio Grande, is closely guarded. No acts of violence have been committed in this section by bandits, yet owing to the concentration of Carranza troops in Piedras Negras, Eagle Pass is one of the most closely guarded points along the border.

The Vermont troops had been in Eagle Pass two weeks when Col. Reeves was ordered to prepare to relieve regulars on outpost duty down the river. In leaving our camp we were leaving many of the little comforts which had been provided for us by the company funds raised by the friends back in Vermont, such as shower baths, electric lights, etc., yet when we learned that the 1st Vt. was the first National Guard regiment to relieve regulars on outpost duty, and that this honor was conferred upon us because we were considered the most efficient militia regiment on the border, there was not a man who was not glad to go. The first battalion consisting of companies A, B, C, and D, was the first to move. Co. C, the company to which I belong, struck tents and loaded its auto trucks in exactly two hours. Each company was divided into garrisons for two or more ranches, Co. C being divided between Indio Ranch and Windmill Ranch. We have about thirty men at each of these posts and a few recruits which are left at Camp Shafter.

Indio Ranch, where I am stationed, contains 230,000 acres, or to make its area more striking it is nearly one-fourth as large as the state of Vermont. It has a frontage of forty-five miles on the Rio Grande and the river is about one mile distant from our camp. One thousand acres are under cultivation, most of it being in Kaffir corn, which is used to fill sixteen concrete silos, each holding about five hundred tons. These silos, I am told, cost one thousand dollars each. Eighteen thousand head of cattle, eleven hundred mules and five hundred horses are kept on the ranch. The ranch is owned by the Indio Ranch Corporation which is made up of three Jews, one living in San Antonio, one in St. Louis, and one in New York, and its appraised valuation is three million dollars.

In closing I would say that the boys are very comfortable and are in good spirits. Our work consists of twenty-four hours guard and forty-eight hours off. Every letter that we get from home is a bright spot in our lives which helps us forget our little troubles, such as bad water, mosquitoes, snakes, horned toads, centipedes, and other creeping and crawling reptiles too numerous to mention, besides, last but not least, the heat which keeps the thermometer between 1100 and 1200 in the shade.

I would like to hear from all of my friends in Island Pond, and though I may not be able to answer all of them, their letters will be greatly appreciated. We all hope to be back in time for college next fall but the chances are that 1917 will still see us on Texas soil if not in Mexico.

Yours truly,
Corporal John T. R. Andrews,
Co. C, 1st Vt. Infantry,
Eagle Pass, Texas.
In camp at Indio Ranch.

P. S.—Earl Lang and Raymond Pease, both former Island Pond boys are in Co. D, of St. Johnsbury. I am sure that both of them would like to be remembered to the people of Island Pond,
July 27, 1916.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE

ESTATE OF ZELMA (DURAN) GRAY
The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Essex, Commissioners, to receive, examine and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Zelma (Duran) Gray late of Canaan, in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the Office of C. H. Green, in the town of Canaan, in said District, on the 15th day of August, 1916, and the 1st day of December, from 10 o'clock a.m. until 4 p.m. on each of said days and that six months from the 1st day of June, A. D. 1916, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Canaan, this 20th day of July, A. D. 1916.

C. H. GREEN, F. A. TURNER, Commissioners.

OLD HOME WEEK

Community Chautauqua the Principal Feature with an Old Home Day Program the Last Day.

No effort is being spared to make Old Home Week a notable event. The people are enthusiastic in making it a success and a most enjoyable season for all old home visitors. The latch string will be out in all Island Pond homes and a cordial welcome given to all who come back to the old homes to renew friendship and join in the week's festivities.

All who can should purchase season tickets for on this sale the committee have to base the fund guaranteed for the Chautauqua entertainments. The single admissions, except the first \$50, goes to the Chautauqua and does not aid the local committee in raising this sum.

Following is the program for the week.

FIRST DAY

AFTERNOON

Opening Concert American Quartet Organization of the Junior Chautauqua

EVENING

Musical Entertainment and Cartoons American Quartet and Clayton Conrad Address: "The Community Conscience"

Lee Francis Lybarger of the Philadelphia Bar

SECOND DAY

AFTERNOON

Song Recital Geoffrey O'Hara Famous Irish Tenor and Song Writer Character Sketches and Impersonations Wing Tabor Wetmore

EVENING

Popular Entertainment O'Hara & Wetmore A Psychic Melange Arthur Delroy President New York Psychic Club

THIRD DAY

AFTERNOON

Songs of the Southland—Favorites of the '60 (with banjo and piano accompaniment)

Dunbar's Southern Singers

EVENING

Musical Prelude Dunbar's Southern Singers Lecture-Recital: "Shakespeare and His Plays" Frederick Warde Distinguished Shakespearean Actor

FOURTH DAY

AFTERNOON

Popular Concert Victor's Florentine Band Lecture: "A Living or a Life" Dr. Euclid B. Rogers

EVENING

Full Grand Concert Victor's Florentine Band and Neapolitan Troubadours

FIFTH DAY

AFTERNOON

Violin Recital Ole Theobaldi, assisted by Florence Alice Stitzel, Operatic Soprano, and Mlle. Helen Kelere, Piano Virtuoso

EVENING

Song Recital Florence Alice Stitzel Lecture: "An Inside View of Mexico" Andre Tridon, War Correspondent

Thursday, August 17th.

Program for Old Home Week Field Day and Clam Bake:

9:00 a.m. Band concert on the Common.

10:00 a.m. Special train leaves for Warner's Grove.

10:30 a.m. Ball game, Car Repairers vs. Trainmen.

11:30 a.m. Canoe races and water sports.

12:30 p.m. Intermission for lunch.

1:30 p.m. Speeches. Congressman Dale, H. B. Amey, Esq., Oliver Cabana of Buffalo, Frank Mason of Akron, H. W. Blake of Gardner and others are expected to respond.

2:30 p.m. Ball game, Island Pond vs. Camp Winape.

5:00 p.m. Special train will return from the grove.

Burbank's band will be in attendance through the day.

Clams, coffee, sandwiches, ice cream and soft drinks will be served at nominal prices and parties so desiring may take their own lunches.

Arrangements have been made to have the express train leaving the station at 1:30 p.m., to stop opposite the grove for the accommodation of those desiring to attend the afternoon exercises.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Judge Henry W. Lund Holds Court and Mack Bronson Is Held on the Charge of Breaking Jail

Mack Bronson, who was placed in jail here about eight weeks ago and was found to have departed for parts unknown by Deputy Sheriff Bemis on June 4, was captured Saturday, July 29, by Sheriff Hill of Newport. Monday Deputy Sheriff Bemis went to Newport and returned with the respondent.

A hearing was held before Judge Lund July 31st and Bronson was bound over to county court. Bonds were fixed at \$2500 and not being able to raise same the respondent was taken to the county jail at Guildhall by Deputy Sheriff Bemis for appearance at county court which convenes in October.

State's attorney C. R. Powell prosecuted and Harry B. Amey defended Bronson.

Bronson has quite a record. He was arrested last June for dynamiting a house. At the hearing this case was nolle-prossed. Bronson was immediately arrested on a charge of burglary and was in jail awaiting a hearing when he mysteriously disappeared.

Samuel M. Furst.

Samuel M. Furst, aged 87 years, died Monday morning at the Essex House where he was boarding, of old age. He was born in Rothen, Germany, and came to this country at the age of 18 years. He kept a fancy goods store at Washington, D. C., in wartime and for several years thereafter. He has made his home here for the past 30 years. He was never married and was the last of his family of six children.

The body was taken Tuesday forenoon to Berlin, N. H., and buried in the Jewish cemetery. Prayers were held at the cemetery. The remains were accompanied by Mrs. Daniel Stern and Julius Stern.

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